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March 6, 1997            LB 317, 526

ASSISTANT CLERK:     26 ayes, 0 nays on the motion to adopt the committee amendments.

SENATOR CROSBY:     The committee amendments are adopted. Any further discussion on LB 317? Seeing none, Senator Schellpeper waives closing. The question is the advancement of LB 317. All in favor vote aye, opposed no. We are voting on the advancement of LB 317, have you all voted? Record, please.

ASSISTANT CLERK:     25 ayes, 0 nays on the motion to advance the bill to E & R Initial.

SENATOR CROSBY:     The bill advances. Before we continue on the next bill, Senator Brashear announces that he has as his guests in the north balcony 30 high school students from Omaha. They are from Burke High and they are a Government Class with their teacher. (Introduces teacher.) Would you all please stand and be welcomed by your Legislature. The Government Class from Burke High, would you please stand and be welcomed by your Legislature. Thank you for being here today. LB 526.

ASSISTANT CLERK:     LB 526 was introduced by Senator Dwite Pedersen. (Read title.) The bill was read for the first time on January 21st, referred to Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee. The bill was advanced to General File. There are no committee amendments.

SENATOR CROSBY:     Senator Pedersen.

SENATOR DW. PEDERSEN:     Madam President and members of the Legislature, this bill will allow the Secretary of State to adopt rules and regulations to govern the use of electronic voting and tabulation devices. Current statutes do not address the new technology that is available with regard to electronic voting machines, so there is a gray area to under what statutory authority this new technology can be used. We recently had a school bond issue election in Elkhorn, and it was my understanding from the Douglas County Election Commissioner that we could have saved \$2,000, which for that small of an election is a lot of money, which was one-third of the cost of that special election. If she'd been able to use the new voting